

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Walsey

AND/OR COMMON

Thorpe Nesbit Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North side U.S. 50/301

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Queen Anne's

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Elizabeth Nesbit

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Walsey Farm

CITY, TOWN

Queenstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21617

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Queen Anne's County Courthouse

Liber #: MWM 163

Folio #: 109

STREET & NUMBER

Courthouse Square

CITY, TOWN

Centreville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED | | DATE _____ |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Thorpe Nesbit Farm, also known as Walsey, is located on the northeast side of Nesbit Road approximately 2 1/2 miles southwest of Queenstown and two miles northeast of Grasonville. The house faces northeast to Walsey Creek with additional views of the Chester River to the north and northwest.

The main house on the Nesbit Farm was constructed in 1937-38. It is a large Colonial Revival house with many Federal details.

The house is of brick construction, 2 1/2 stories high, five bays wide, and two rooms deep, with paired exterior chimneys on each parapetted gable end. The roof is a pitched gable with a flat peak forming a deck with balustrades. A low, one story brick wing projects from the south gable wall.

The front facade faces west toward Nesbit Road. The door is in the center bay, flanked by two large 9/6 windows on each side. The center window on the second floor is a 6/6 flanked by 2/2 sidelights, with two regular 6/6 windows to north and south. There are three 6/6 pitched roof dormer windows on the third story.

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7.1 DESCRIPTION

The front door is framed with an elaborate Colonial Revival surround with molded pilasters supporting a segmental hood mold and an elaborately carved frieze. The brickwork is laid in Flemish bond above a stucco foundation. A soldier-course belt course is carried across the facade between the first and second story; the cornice is five-course corbeled brick. The window openings have splayed brick jack arches. The roof appears to be covered with asbestos shingles that imitate wood shingles. The balustrade is a geometric Chippendale pattern.

The small, one story wing covers part of the first story of the south gable. The center portion of the gable wall breaks out approximately 9 inches from the plane of the wall, similar to the gable ends of the Ridout House in Annapolis. There is a door in the west bay on the first floor and a large 9/6 window in the east bay. Large 6/6 windows are located in the east and west bays on the second floor and a pair of 6/6 windows are centered between the chimneys. On the third floor, a single 6/6 window with a segmentally arched lintel is centered between the chimneys. The brickwork is Flemish bond with a soldier course belt-course, stucco foundation and parapet gables topped with a cement cap.

The water facade, facing east, is virtually identical

CONTINUATION SHEET

7.2 DESCRIPTION

to the west facade except that the first floor door is framed with large, multiple pane sidelights and transom.

On the north gable wall, there is a door to right of center and a single large 9/6 window in the east bay on the first floor. Three 6/6 windows are ranged across the second floor and a single segmentally arched 6/6 window is centered on the third floor. In all other details this gable wall matches the south wall. A one story screen porch protects the center section.

The wing on the south gable is one story high and one room deep with a low hip roof.

The interior of the main house consists of a modified center passage Georgian plan. The west entrance opens into a large center stair passage. The stair rises against the north wall of the passage. The east end of the passage is partitioned to form a small "garden hall" overlooking the garden and the creek. There are two rooms on each side of the passage, with the east rooms larger than the west rooms. The interior woodwork is relatively simple except for the mantels, which are extremely fine Colonial Revival surrounds. The mantel in the northeast room (the living room) is particularly fine, with a crossetted overmantel and a cove cornice across the center portion of the north wall.

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AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES 1937-38

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Stewart W. Pike

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The large brick house on the Nesbit farm known as "Walsey" is the finest Georgian Revival dwelling in the county. Constructed in 1937-38, the house was designed by Stewart W. Pike, a Philadelphia architect. The original architectural plans for the building have survived. It is interesting to note that several minor changes were made after these drawings were prepared. The house is actually a combination of Colonial Revival and Federal in style, mixing parapeted gables with an elaborate Colonial Revival entrance surround and other period decoration.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Orlando Ridout V, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Queen Anne's County Historical Society

DATE

10/6/81

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Centreville

STATE

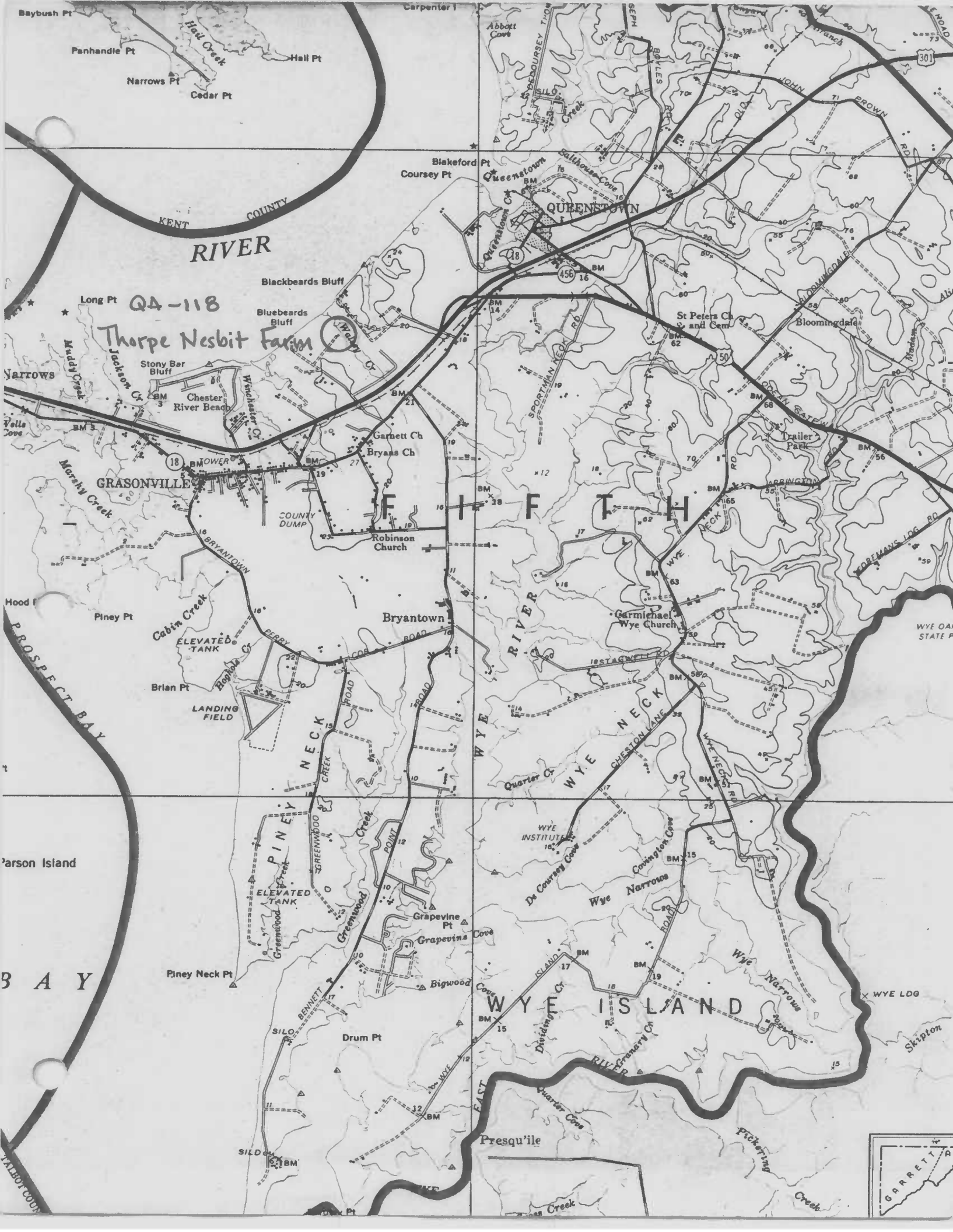
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Walsey

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 Queenstown vicinity
 Orlando Ridout V 1981
 View from Southeast



QA-118 Walsey
Queenstown vicinity
Orlando Ridout V 1981
West facade



QA 118 Thorpe Nesbitt house 1937
Walsey Creek, near Queenstown
Queen Anne County

May, 1979

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April, 1979



Walsey

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House at "Walsey Farm" near Queenstown. Picture taken in 1937 before the house was torn down in that year. The Farm was owned by the Blunt Family in the 19th Century and then by their descendants the Davidsons who sold the farm in 1895.

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House that preceded existing
house

Photo courtesy Phil Cooper



The Back of the house at "Walsey Farm".

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